

## **Private Land/Public Wildlife Council Meeting**

April 23-24, 2014

Billings Hotel and Convention Center

1223 Mallowney Lane, Billings, MT

### *Meeting Objectives*

- Bring the Council up to speed on the Department's recent work related to the Block Management Program and work accomplished by the License Advisory Committee
- Review and begin evaluating options identified in March, based on Google Document and Council discussion.
- Reach preliminary agreement on a package of recommendations for some or all of the Council's goals.

### **Wednesday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>**

8:00 a.m. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

*Joe Perry, PL/PW Council Chair, will open the meeting and welcome participants way of introductions, review meeting objectives, and discuss the "big picture" for the Council's work.*

#### TRAPLINE REPORTS

*Council members will report on what they have heard from their constituents over the past month in relation to the PL/PW Council's work.*

8:30 a.m. REPORT ON BLOCK MANAGEMENT PROGRAM AND AUDIT-RELATED PROGRESS

*Alan Charles will update Council on specific short-term actions being taken for the 2014 hunting season to address some of the audit findings and recommendations, and outline some of the processes being used for longer-term actions.*

9:30 a.m. BREAK

9:45 a.m. LICENSE ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT

*Hank Worsch and Paul Sihler will summarize the work accomplished by the License Advisory Committee, with a particular focus on those recommendations that may relate most closely to the Council's work.*

10:45 a.m. REVIEW AND DISCUSS REGIONAL BLOCK MANAGEMENT ANNUAL SUMMARY REPORTS

*Council members will discuss the Regional Reports, post questions, and discuss new ideas or needs that emerge. Following the initial discussion, members will be encouraged to review and improve the options developed in March.*

12:00 p.m. LUNCH

- 1:00 p.m. EVALUATE OPTIONS AND SEEK AGREEMENT ON PRELIMINARY RECOMMENDATIONS -- GOAL #1  
*Council members will start with one of the goals (which are numbered for reference, not priority) and begin to evaluate and discuss the various existing and new options for accomplishing the goal. The **outcome** of this work session, and the following sessions, will be to seek preliminary agreement on a package of recommendations that that Council will move forward, flesh out, and improve over the next few months.*
- 3:00 p.m. EVALUATE OPTIONS AND SEEK AGREEMENT ON PRELIMINARY RECOMMENDATIONS -- GOAL #2
- 4:30 p.m. PUBLIC COMMENT
- 4:45 p.m. WRAP-UP AND ADJOURN
- Summarize areas of agreement from Day 1

**Thursday, April 24<sup>th</sup>**

- 8:00 a.m. WELCOME  
*Joe Perry, PL/PW Council Chair, will open meeting, welcome participants, and review the daily agenda.*
- 8:30 a.m. EVALUATE OPTIONS AND SEEK AGREEMENT ON PRELIMINARY RECOMMENDATIONS -- GOALS # 3, 4, 5 AND 6 (AS TIME ALLOWS)  
*Council members will continue work from day 1 to evaluate and discuss the various existing and new options for accomplishing each goal. The **outcome** of this work session will be to seek preliminary agreement on a package of recommendations that that Council will move forward, flesh out, and improve over the next few months.*
- 11:00 a.m. WRAP-UP AND NEXT STEPS
- Summarize Day 1 and 2
  - Agree on a process to develop implementation steps for the package of recommendations developed at the meeting.
- 11:30 a.m. PUBLIC COMMENT
- 12:00 p.m. ADJOURN AND LUNCH (on-site)